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RECORDING/REPRODUCING  
APPARATUSES AND METHODS  
THEREOF

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

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1. (Twice Amended) A recording apparatus comprising:  
recording means for recording [input] first data in a recording medium;  
input means for inputting a start point and an end point of desired  
second data, wherein said second data is a portion [out] of said first data to be  
recorded or already recorded in said recording medium by said recording  
means; and  
control means, when said start point and end point of said second data  
are designated through said input means, for controlling said recording means  
so as to endlessly-record and overwrite a portion of said first data in said  
recording medium that excludes said second data while avoiding a [the]  
recording region of said recording medium in which said second data has been  
recorded.

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